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Hacienda Heights Man Sentenced to Prison for Child Sex Abuse

A 52-year-old man convicted of sexually molesting several female family members was sentenced today to 72 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Juan Hernandez of Hacienda Heights was convicted by a jury on May 14 of one count of continuous sexual abuse and four counts of lewd act upon a child.

At the sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert Martinez also ordered Hernandez to register as a sex offender for life. Additionally, the judge ordered the defendant to not contact the victims for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley said Hernandez sexually molested four underage family members at various times between March 1999 and July 2007.

Authorities were notified about the sexual abuse and the defendant was arrested Sept. 26, 2013 and held on \$4 million bail.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.